000 **28. Western Thrace.** Western Thrace is an Aegean Sea province surrounded on both sides by the lower courses of the rivers Maritza and Mesta and on the north by the watershed between the river Arda and the Aegean Sea (Fig. 5). This inclosure slopes towards the said sea and has a sea coast line of about 85 miles or 135 kilometers. Its surface is about half the size of Albania and the USA state of Connecticut is 1,33 times larger than it.

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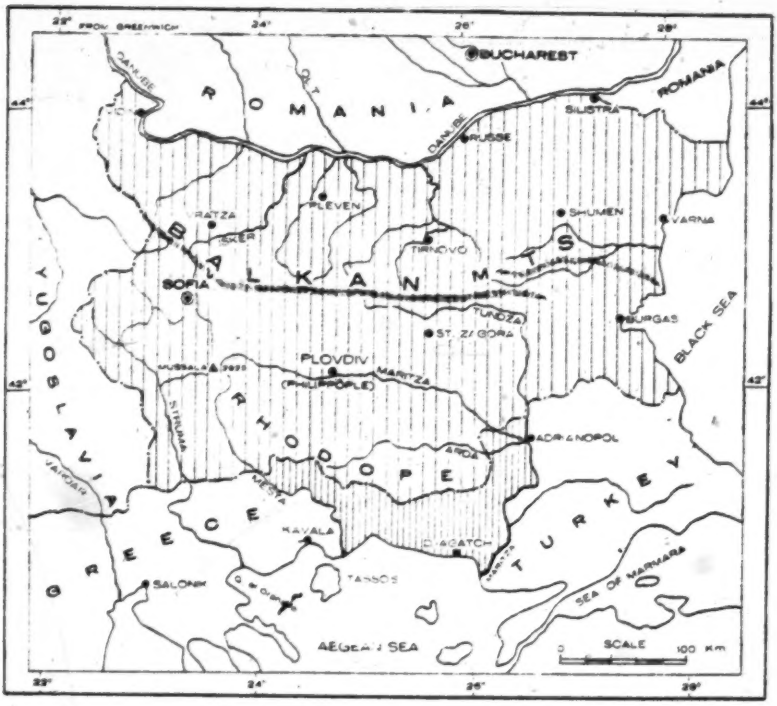

Fig. 5. Bulgaria and Western Thrace.

000 Travellers, who studied the ethnographic limits of the Bulgarian people during the 18th and 19th century speak of the Bulgarian character of Western Thrace.

728 The border between Bulgaria and Western Thrace, or the territorial outlet of Bulgaria to the Aegean Sea, has a history of its own. The San Stefano Treaty gave an Aegean Sea outlet to Bulgaria on the gulf of Salonica, by the estuary of the Vardar River, and also from the gulf of Or-

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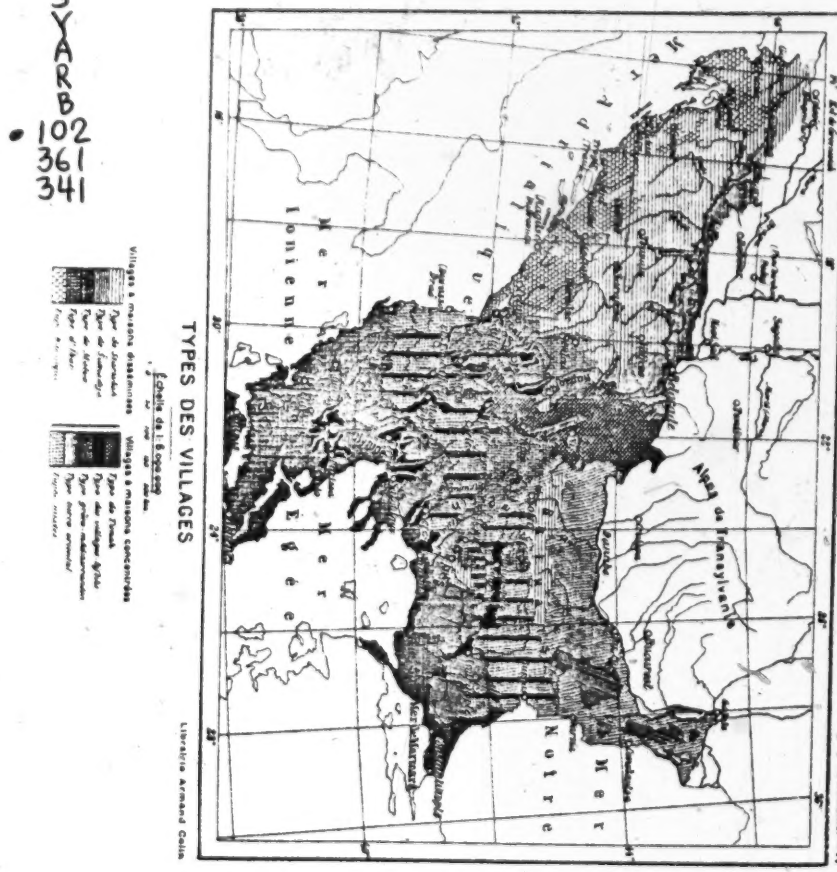

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